

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

FROM:

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Director of Security

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SUBJECT: Third Party Involvement in Government-Industry
Security [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: SECOM-D-279, dated 28 November 1984, same
subject

1. This memorandum responds to referenced request for comments regarding the Security Affairs Support Association (SASA) to act as a broker between the Government and its contractors on personnel security clearance problems. The proposal is unacceptable to this Agency. [REDACTED]

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2. On it's face, the proposal is an intrusion into the Government/contractor relationship and constitutes a violation of the confidentiality inherent in a contract between a government agency and an industrial contractor. It is unthinkable that a third party could be cleared to arbitrate disputes on a "completely non-attributable basis." [REDACTED]

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3. Adequate channels already exist for industrial contractors to register their "complaints" with the Government. Industry has access to and uses the appeal process with regularity. This Agency conducts seminars twice a year with industry representatives to address specific grievances and establishes procedures to solve problems. It might be noted that these grievances are not always one-sided. The Agency's industrial security program utilizes a comprehensive combination of personnel, technical, physical and computer techniques to oversee the entire security process with industrial contractors. [REDACTED]

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4. The proposal becomes even more ludicrous when the operational security for very sensitive programs is considered where knowledge of the sponsor of the program is either severely limited or not even acknowledged. Special access programs would always be exempt from any such inquiry. [REDACTED]

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5. Industry is being properly represented in the councils of government. SASA's proposal is superfluous at best and dangerous at worst. It is our recommendation that SASA be told that the United States Government will not entertain its proposal. [REDACTED]

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